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IN REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC POINTS REFTELS:

1. PLANS SENT IN JUNE 13 POUCH SINCE WE WERE ASSURED THEY WOULD ARRIVE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WITHIN TWO DAYS. PLANS WERE ORIGINAL ARCHITECT DRAWINGS OVER FLOOR PLAN. THIS WAS BEST AVAILABLE DRAWING GIVEN SHORT LEAD TIME FURNISHED ODCD. ASSUMPTION CORRECT.

2. WHILE POST FEELS THAT BECAUSE OF NUMBER OF PEOPLE USING FACILITIES ADDITIONAL SMALL ONE OR TWO-STALL BATHROOMS WOULD BE USEFUL WE ARE WILLING TO SCRAP IDEA.

3. BECAUSE OF SCARCITY OF WOOD IN ROMANIA CONCRETE FLOORS ARE TRADITIONAL BUT WE UNDERSTAND POTENTIAL PROBLEM BECAUSE OF LOAD FACTOR. ROUGH ESTIMATE ON DIFFERENCE IN COST PROPOSED AREA WOULD BE \$1,500 FOR CONCRETE FLOOR; \$4,000 FOR WOOD. WE FEEL, IF FUNDING POSSIBLE, THAT WOOD IS PREFERABLE. AMERICAN SEABEE VISITED ATTIC SPACE JUNE 20 AND CONCURS IN RECOMMENDATION FOR WOODEN FLOORS.

4. COST ESTIMATE WAS BEST IDEA ODCD SHOULD GIVE WITH
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MARGIN OF ERROR OF ABOUT TEN PERCENT. OBVIOUSLY PRICE OF

WOODEN FLOOR INCREASES COST BUT WE WOULD STICK TO ESTIMATE
NOW IN \$15,000 TO \$16,000 RANGE EXCLUSIVE OF EQUIPMENT,
LIGHT FIXTURES, AIR CONDITIONERS, FURNITURE.

5. FUNDS CAN BE OBLIGATED FOR PROJECT IN FY-75 AND GENERAL
TERMS OF AGREEMENT CAN BE DRAWN UP PRIOR TO JUNE 30. GIVEN
SHORT LEAD TIME AND DIFFICULTIES IN POUCH SCHEDULE CERTAIN
YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THAT FINAL CONTRACT AND DRAWINGS CANNOT
BE PREPARED AND SENT FOR ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON BY JUNE 30.
GIVEN OUR PAST EXPERIENCES WITH ODCD INVOLVEMENT IN LIBRARY
CONSTRUCTION IN WHICH THEIR PLANS WERE GENERALLY THOROUGH
AND ACCURATE AND THEIR COST ESTIMATES REALISTIC POST FEELS
THAT A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF OUR NEEDS AND THEIR
COMMITMENTS CAN BE AGREED TO PRIOR JUNE 30 WITH FINAL PLANS
TO BE POUCHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER. ON THIS
BASIS POST RECOMMENDS PROJECT APPROVAL. EMBASSY ADMINISTR-
TIVE SECTION AND ODCD ARE WORKING CLOSELY ON THIS PROJECT
TO SUPPLY INFORMATION AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE AND POST SIMILARLY
APPRECIATES IOA AND IEE EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD.
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